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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,245,615 B1, Issued: June 12, 2001, to Noble et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,252,284 B1, Issued: June 26, 2001, to Muller et al.; and
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,316,813 B1, Issued: November 13, 2001, to Ohmi et al.

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